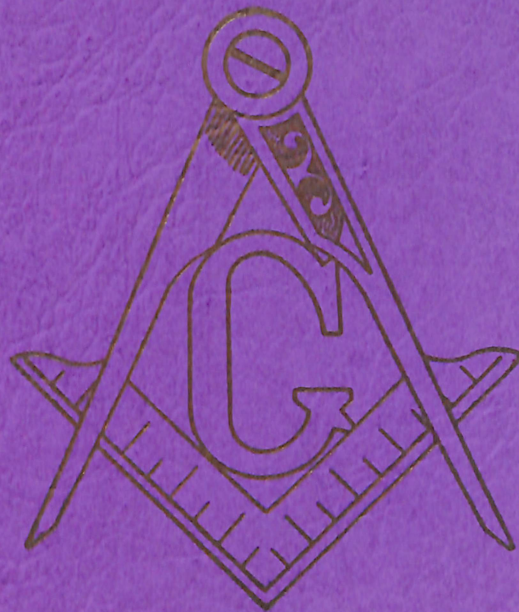


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OCTOBER 11, 1938



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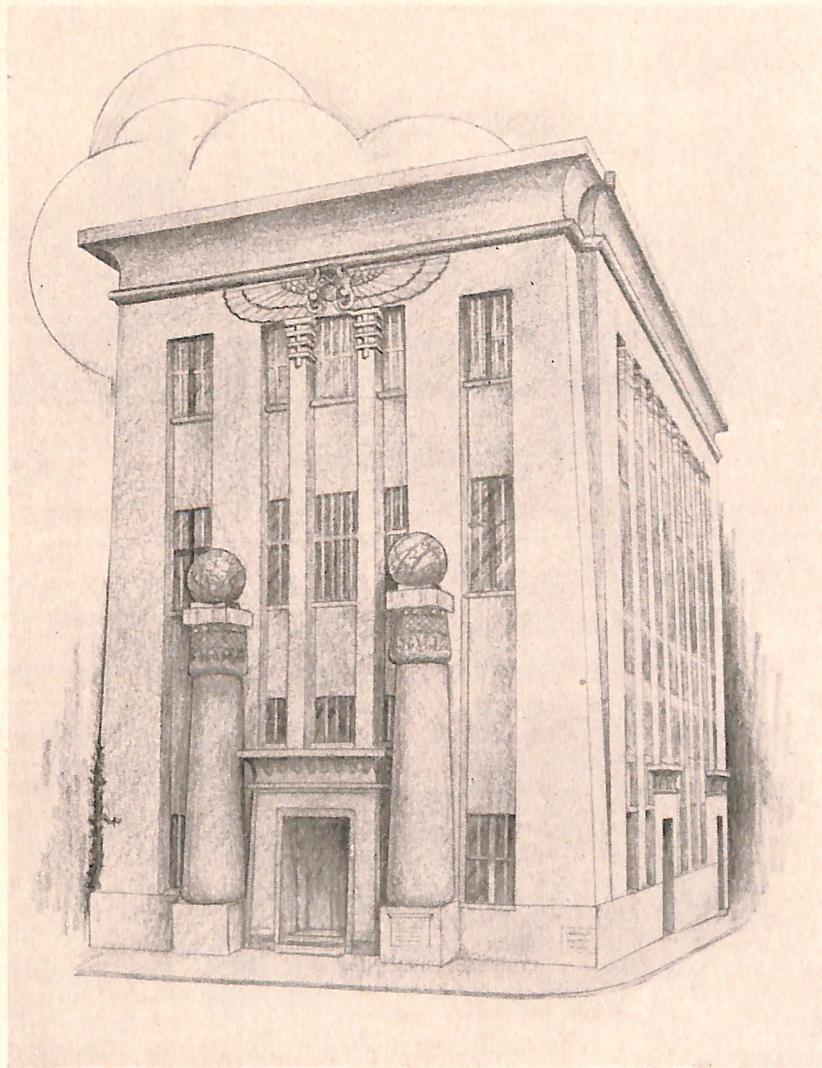
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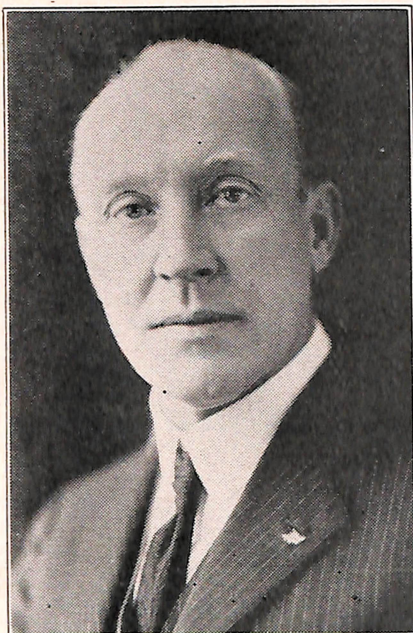
# THE MASONIC TEMPLE

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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**HARRY T. PATERSON**  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of North Carolina



**JOHN M. SCOTT**  
President  
Masonic Temple Association



**H. B. BENOIT**  
Treasurer  
Masonic Temple Association

## MEMBERS OF MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION AND OFFICERS OF ALL BODIES MEETING IN TEMPLE

### MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

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Sam A. Little.....*Treasurer*  
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L. Silverstein, 32°.....*Second Lieut. Com.*

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F. E. Dawson, 32°.....*Preceptor*  
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Howard C. Hull.....*Worthy Patron*  
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Elizabeth Cullingford.....*Treasurer*

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Mary Poythress.....*Noble Prophetess*  
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MURRAY C. ALEXANDER  
D. D. G. M. of 27th District  
Grand Lodge of North Carolina

Greetings and congratulations to the Masonic Fraternity in returning to the rebuilt Temple. The many decided improvements and facilities incorporated in the new building are in keeping with the times and offer every inducement and convenience to the craft in promoting the work, and no doubt the appealing appearance of the interior will be a great inspiration to even greater achievement.

And to the Masonic Temple Association is due the thanks of every member of each of the lodges for the excellent work they have done in providing Charlotte Masons with a home designed to offer the finest and best opportunities, and so constructed as to be peculiarly and specifically Masonic in each of its floors, and to provide the greatest benefits to the various organizations and a comfortable and commodious home that each may enjoy and feel proud to know it is a modern structure built for a worthy purpose.

I know that every member will enjoy the new quarters, and many will renew their obligations and become more and more enthusiastic as the years go by, and an increased attendance will no doubt exemplify the pride of an appreciative craft for their modern home.

I feel again that same pride and thrill I experienced when in 1914 we occupied the original, and I look forward with great interest to the future and believe many good things will be the reward of a united craft, for it is the good, strong and noble faith that men have in each other which gives the loftiest character to business trade and commerce.

MURRAY C. ALEXANDER.





## Oxford Masonic Orphanage

By C. K. PROCTOR, Supt.  
OXFORD, N. C.

The proud boast of the Masons in North Carolina is the fact that for sixty-five years they have answered the cry of needy children and maintained the Oxford Orphanage as a home for the care and training of these children. Nearly six thousand North Carolina boys and girls have received this service. Ours is the oldest Orphanage in North Carolina and represents today a large investment in buildings, grounds, equipment and endowment. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina makes an annual appropriation for the support of these children and in addition the subordinate lodges liberally support the Orphanage through the concerts of the Singing Class and by special gifts at the Thanksgiving Season. Fifty per cent of the children in the Oxford Orphanage are not of Masonic parentage. The state of North Carolina also makes an annual appropriation to assist in the support of the Oxford Orphanage.

Masonry is justly proud of the Oxford Orphanage. It represents an investment in the needy youth of our own state and pays dividends in character, healthy bodies, trained minds and hands, in that continuing number of young men and women who annually take their places in the rank and file of the citizenship of the Old North State. The time and money invested is a saving as no one can tell what would become of these children without the Oxford Orphanage.

Our Charlotte Brethren have been among our most loyal and faithful supporters and we bespeak the continuation of this fine service. We are keenly appreciative of all that they mean to us. We want to congratulate Charlotte Masonry on this occasion of the occupancy again of the splendid new Temple. May it be the means of a new inspiration in all of the things for which Masonry stands.

## Charlotte Masons Interested in Home

By GEO. R. BENNETTE, Supt.  
GREENSBORO, N. C.

On January 13, 1904 a committee of three interested Masons headed by Dr. F. M. Winchester, a member of Excelsior Lodge No. 261 of Charlotte, presented a resolution to the Grand Lodge asking that a committee be appointed to "inquire into the advisability and expediency of establishing an institution for the care of aged and indigent Masons." The resolution was passed and Dr. Winchester was made chairman of the committee. That was the beginning of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, N. C.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in January, 1907, the committee reported that the Masons of Charlotte, representing Phalanx, Excelsior and Joppa Lodges, had held a bazaar and raised between \$1,200.00 and \$1,500.00 as a nucleus for a fund to build the Home. So far as the records show, this was the first money raised for the erection of what is now a \$250,000.00 plant at Greensboro.

Work was begun on the first building, Oct. 4, 1911, and the Home was opened for the admission of Guests in the fall of 1913. Since that time two hundred and forty Guests have lived in the Home, and thirty-one others have been given Home Aid.

There are at present in the Home eight Guests from Charlotte, viz: Mrs. Hassie I. Look, Mrs. Alice Abernathy, Mrs. Helen M. Andrews, Mrs. Addie Howie, Mrs. Gracie Mills, Mrs. Fannie Chambers, Mrs. Emily Dobson and Mr. Quincy R. Campbell. The Masons of Charlotte have always been very liberal contributors towards the support of the Home, and for the past thirty-four years, nine years before it was opened, were actively interested in its welfare.

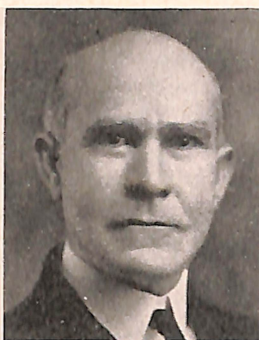




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Dr. W. W. Akers  
Chaplain



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J. S.

# OFFICERS OF PHALANX LODGE, No. 31, A. F. & A. M. CHARLOTTE, N. C.



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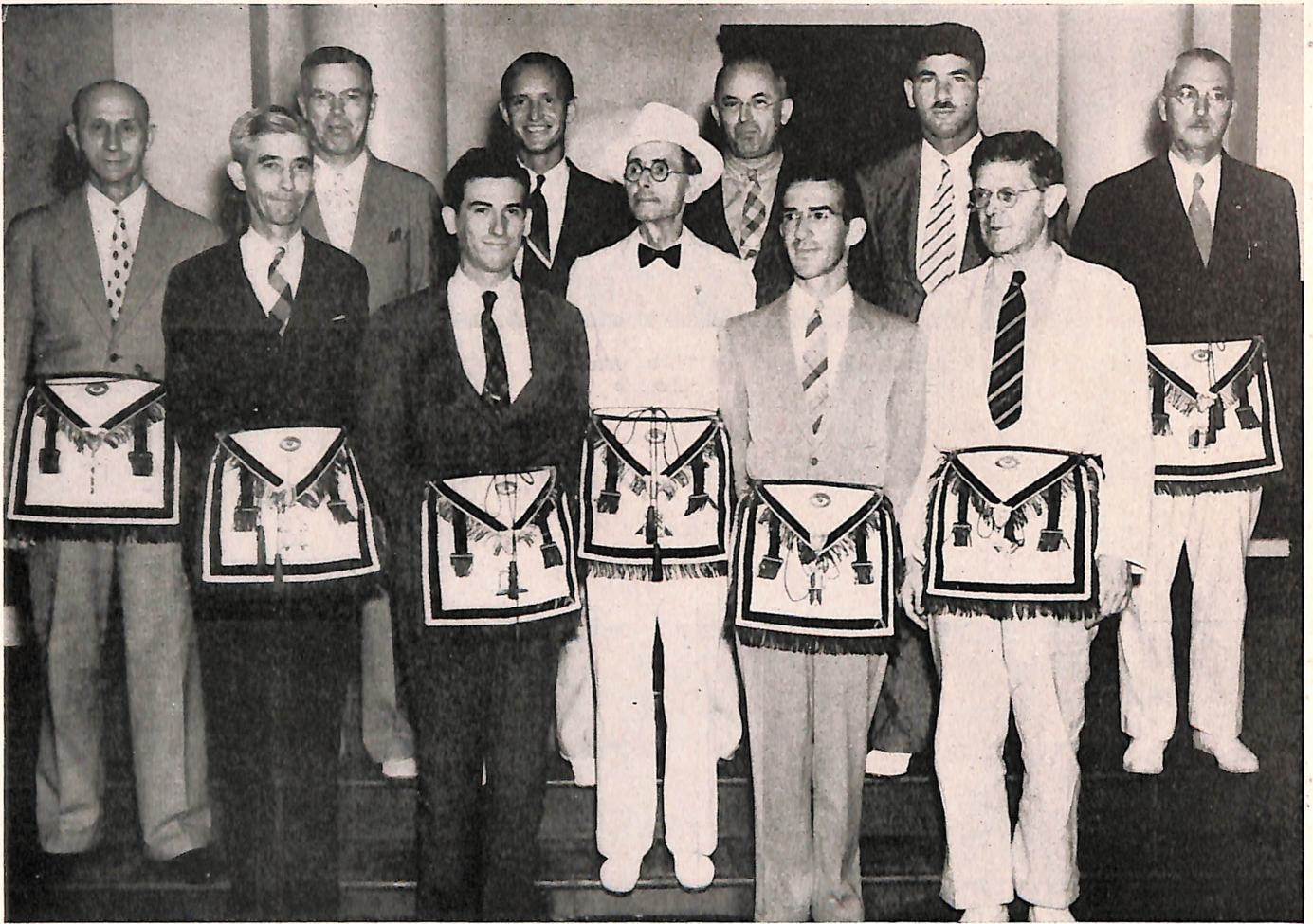


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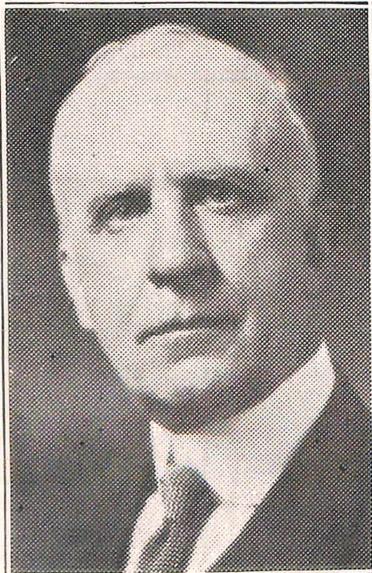




## OFFICERS OF EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 261, A. F. & A. M.

First row reading from left to right: W. I. Hawthorne, Treasurer, J. H. Killian, Senior Warden, H. C. Hull, Master, S. A. McFalls, Junior Warden, and B. W. Barnett, Secretary.

Second row reading from left to right: J. B. Brantley, Tiler, R. S. Locklair, Senior Steward, J. C. Smathers, Senior Deacon, J. R. Keever, Junior Deacon, Harry Schwartz, Junior Steward and J. R. McIver, Chaplain.



## JOHN H. ANDERSON

Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of North Carolina

## SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The School of Instruction for the three Masonic Lodges will be held in the Temple at 4:30 P.M., under the direction of the Grand Secretary, John H. Anderson, P.G.M. All officers are expected to be present, and any of the members are also eligible to attend this school and profit by the discussion that will come up in connection with lodge laws and regulations.





TOM C. KING  
Senior Warden



W. HUGH HALLIBURTON  
Master



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Coach



A. W. Cunningham  
M. of C.



M. C. Alexander  
Orator

# OFFICERS OF JOPPA LODGE

No. 530



A. F. & A. M.

CHARLOTTE,

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J. EDWARD ALLEN  
Deputy Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of North Carolina

## Bring Your Friends to the Masonic Temple

The Temple will be open to the public on Tuesday morning of October 11, 1938. You are invited to bring your friends during the hours of 10:00 A.M., to 4:00 P.M. There will be a committee at the door to meet you and will gladly show you over the entire Temple.



MISS ORA BERRYHILL  
Worthy Matron  
Mizpah Chapter No. 36, O. E. S.

## COMMITTEES FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE AND 27th D. M.

### PROGRAM

W. N. Harper, J. H. Guion, J. Howard Killian, J. J. Faulk, Jesse M. Oldham, G. C. Redfern, Porter L. Leonard, John C. Smathers, Herbert C. Alexander and Joseph L. McEwen.

### PUBLICITY

Howard C. Hull, Fred N. Payne, C. F. McSwain, James O. Walker, Sr., George Wadsworth, Fred W. Hunter, B. B. Young and W. S. Creighton.

### RECEPTION

Harry A. Allen, George F. Jones, Horace E. Gray, Joe C. Berryhill, C. M. Westbrook, L. L. Lineback, Joe Morris, Ernest C. Bolt, George H. Ledbetter, W. Sutton Alexander, Harry L. Schwartz, J. M. Badgett, and R. L. Chapman.

### MUSIC

Henry B. Benoit, H. P. Belue, O. O. Fogus, Donald S. Charles, Cecil Pate, R. M. Pound and Vernon Smith.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Joseph L. McEwen, E. F. Navy, W. B. Lindsay, Sam A. McFalls, Tom C. King, A. B. Jordan and F. D. Tillotson.

### REFRESHMENTS

Frank E. Dawson, J. Van Davis, W. W. Beaver, Paul B. Eby, Riley S. Locklair, W. J. Black and Lucian J. Dale.

### VISITORS

J. J. Faulk, H. M. Sedberry, L. O. Herring, A. N. Adams, T. H. Sims, J. E. Washam, Sam Little, B. T. Myers, Worth Maxwell, Karl N. Hill, Neal M. Craig and W. P. T. Mills.

### REGISTRATION

E. S. Rothrock, M. A. Abernethy, L. C. Johnston, B. B. Young, A. H. Watts, Vernon J. Meares, George E. Pickett, III, A. R. Henderson, O. L. Phillips, J. G. Ward, L. R. Teal, A. D. Cashion, J. B. Kilgo and James O. Moore.

### FLOOR

Charles P. Heindel, H. B. Benoit, W. G. Rogers and W. H. Peeps.

### CREDENTIALS

Burke W. Fox, Henry C. Alexander, Karl E. Thies, Sam C. McCall, R. E. Saunders, Jesse W. Garrett, O. B. White, A. W. Cunningham, W. N. Lineberger, Sam Goldfein, Graham P. Kerr, W. N. Adams, F. B. Partee and John A. Ward.

## OFFICERS FOR THE 27TH DISTRICT MEETING OCTOBER 11, 1938—7:30 P.M.

Howard C. Hull-----Master  
*Excelsior Lodge No. 261*  
Ben F. Houston----Senior Warden  
*Phalanx Lodge No. 31*  
Henry L. Ingold---Junior Warden  
*Joppa Lodge No. 530*  
F. Wm. E. Cullingford--Secretary  
*Phalanx Lodge No. 31*  
Bernard W. Barnett---Secretary  
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L. E. Wightman-----Secretary  
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Joe E. Morris-----Senior Steward  
*Phalanx Lodge No. 31*  
John C. Smathers--Junior Steward  
*Excelsior Lodge No. 261*  
Chas. H. Purifoy-----Tiler  
*Phalanx Lodge No. 31*  
John B. Brantley-----Tiler  
*Excelsior Lodge No. 261*  
William R. Clark-----Tiler  
*Joppa Lodge No. 530*  
Rev. W. W. Akers-----Chaplain  
*Phalanx Lodge No. 31*  
James R. McIver-----Chaplain  
*Excelsior Lodge No. 261*  
Charles J. Guthrie-----Chaplain  
*Joppa Lodge No. 530*  
Zeb V. Taylor--Flag Presentation  
*Phalanx Lodge No. 31*  
Frank W. Orr-----Tribute  
*Joppa Lodge No. 530*



# Dedication of The Masonic Temple—Oct. 11, 1938

## PROGRAM

- 7:30 P.M.—Opening of joint communication, Phalanx No. 31, Excelsior No. 261, and Joppa No. 530, A. F. and A. M.
- 7:35 P.M.—Introduction of Murray C. Alexander, District Deputy Grand Master of the 27th Masonic District by the Master. Reception of Grand Officers and distinguished guests.
- 7:50 P.M.—Flag Presentation-----Frank W. Orr  
Assisted by Z. V. Taylor, Jr.
- 7:55 P.M.—History of the Masonic Temple and Presentation of the Rebuilt Temple—John M. Scott.
- 8:00 P.M.—Address of Welcome—  
Hon. Ben E. Douglas, Mayor of the City of Charlotte.
- 8:05 P.M.—Response-----J. Giles Hudson,  
Past Grand Master.
- 8:10 P.M.—Music.
- 8:20 P.M.—Remarks by Grand Officers, Past and Present, Presented by Murray C. Alexander, D.D.G.M.
- 9:00 P.M.—Music.
- 9:10 P.M.—Address-----Harry T. Paterson,  
Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.
- 9:45 P.M.—Closing Joint Communication Three Charlotte Masonic Lodges.

Refreshments—Banquet Hall—First Floor.

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### Presentation of Grand Lodge Officers and Other Distinguished Guests

Most Worshipful *Harry T. Paterson*, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. Introduced by W. H. Halliburton, Master of Joppa Lodge, No. 530.

Right Worshipful *J. Edward Allen*, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Foreign Correspondent and Representative of the Grand Lodge to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. Introduced by E. A. Hilker, Joppa Lodge No. 530.

Right Worshipful *Herbert C. Alexander*, Past Grand Master, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Introduced by Charles P. Heindel, Excelsior Lodge No. 261.

Right Worshipful *John H. Anderson*, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Introduced by James R. McIver, Past Master of Excelsior Lodge No. 261.

Right Worshipful *Walter Scott Liddell*, Senior living Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Past Master of Phalanx 31, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Member Number one (1) and First Potentate of Oasis Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, President of the Widows Fund. Introduced by Frank S. Worthington, Master of Phalanx Lodge No. 31.

Right Worshipful *Thomas J. Harkins*, Thirty-third Degree Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Grand Orator of the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) Southern Jurisdiction. Introduced by Charles M. Setzer, Past Master of Phalanx Lodge No. 31.

Right Worshipful *James W. Payne*, Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Introduced by E. B. Hardin, Past Master of Joppa Lodge No. 530.

Right Worshipful *J. Giles Hudson*, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Introduced by P. L. Leonard, Past Master of Joppa Lodge No. 530.

Right Worshipful *Roy F. Ebbs*, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Introduced by Sam Goldfein, Past Master of Excelsior Lodge No. 261.

Brother *W. N. Harper*, Grand Master of the Third Veil Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, also President Masonic Fellowship Club. Introduced by Ira D. Passage, Excelsior Lodge No. 261.

Brother *Sam Levy*, High Priest Charlotte Chapter No. 39 Royal Arch, also Venerable Master Charlotte Lodge of Perfection Scottish Rite. Introduced by James G. Johnston, Past Master of Chester Lodge No. 18 of Chester, S. C.

Brother *Charles S. Jarrell*, Commander Charlotte Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar. Introduced by George E. Fields, Past Master of Phalanx Lodge No. 31.

Brother *W. N. Vogler*, Potentate of Oasis Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Introduced by H. V. Brockman of Excelsior Lodge No. 261.

Brother *William H. Peepe*, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar. Introduced by Ben F. Houston, P.H.P., Senior Warden of Phalanx Lodge No. 31.

Brother *Howard G. Etheridge*, Past Grant Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar. Introduced by Frank E. Dawson, Junior Deacon of Joppa Lodge No. 530.

Brother *Luther T. Hartsell, Jr.*, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Introduced by Jesse M. Oldham, Past Master of Phalanx Lodge No. 31.

Brother *John McCorkle Scott*, Past Master of Phalanx Lodge 31, also President Masonic Temple Association. Introduced by James A. Stokes, Past Master Phalanx Lodge No. 31.

Brother *Ben E. Douglas*, Mayor of Charlotte. Introduced by W. B. Bradford, Past Master of Phalanx Lodge No. 31.



# EVENTS LEADING TO THE BUILDING OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE

On May 19, 1869, a Convention of the Masonic Fraternity was called to consider the advisability of building a Masonic Temple in the City of Charlotte. A large number of the Masons of Charlotte and vicinity met in the rooms of the Springs Building, then occupied by the several Bodies as a Masonic hall.

The records show that the object of the Convention, as explained by one of our late townsmen, Brother Samuel Wittowsky, was to devise ways and means to build a Masonic Temple in Charlotte. At that meeting a committee of ten was appointed to consider the propriety of holding a Masonic Fair and Festival for the purpose of raising means to build a Temple.

Several meetings of the committee were held during the month of June, 1869, arranging the plans and details for the Masonic Fair and Festival, which was to extend over three days and nights. The merchants of Charlotte contributed various articles to be sold or raffled, and it is recorded there were twenty gallons of scuppernong wine on tap. The admission price was fifty cents for three days and nights.

The Festival was held on the 7, 8 and 9th of July, 1869, and the net result after the bills were paid, was \$1,400.00. At the meeting of July 21, 1869, the disposition of this fund was left to the discretion of the chairman. The Chairman, T. W. Dewey, was authorized further to have the original ten members of the committee and their successors incorporated as the Masonic Temple Association.

The charter arrived and a meeting was called for the 6th of April, 1870, at which time the committee of ten, who were the incorporators named in the charter, met, accepted the charter and organized with C. W. Alexander as President, Samuel Taylor, as first vice-president, Samuel Wittowsky, as second vice-president, D. G. Maxwell, as recording secretary, E. A. Osborn, as corresponding secretary, and Thos. W. Dewey, as treasurer.

By-Laws were also adopted at this meeting.

It is very probable that another fair and festival was held under the auspices of the Temple Committee and committees from Phalanx and Excelsior Lodges, as the records show a balance in the Temple Fund on February 4, 1873, of \$2,087.13.

The first hall was built on the third floor of the Hutchison building (now occupied by Kress) the Temple Association furnishing Mr. Hutchison \$1,700.00, he giving them a five-year lease without rent, with the agreement to return the \$1,700.00 to them at the expiration of their lease. This lease was renewed for another term of five years, and then for a term of an additional three years.

At a meeting on December 26, 1874, Brother Wittowsky reported that the Temple would be ready for the Consecration Ceremonies on Monday, December 28, and Past Grand Master, John Nichols, would be present to conduct the consecration, and the Hall Committee would make their report in full and deliver the key of the Temple completed to the Association.

On December 6, 1883, the President reported that on December 31, they would have on hand \$4,500.00, and recommended that we now build our own home, at which time a Committee was appointed to select a place to build the Temple. A short time after that the Committee reported that they had bought the Cruse property, which was bought for \$2,727.24. In November, 1890, they sold this lot for \$5,000.00 to the Second Church.

The Masonic bodies vacated the Temple Association's hall over the Hutchison building before the expiration of their lease, in January, 1902, apparently due to some misunderstanding or want of co-operation, and occupied the top floor of the present Piedmont Fire Insurance Company building.

In 1904 the Association bought for \$26,500.00 the property, corner of West Trade and South Church Street, at that time known as the Mansion House property. In 1912 they bought the present property, corner South Tryon and Second Streets, for \$32,500.00. In the same year they sold the West Trade Street corner for \$80,000.00.

In 1913 the contract for the erection of the present Temple was awarded to J. A. Jones. The architects were Hook & Rogers. The building and equipment, with architect fees, cost \$84,083.13; furniture and fixtures \$6,167.55, amounting to \$90,250.86, making a total cost of lot, building and equipment, of \$122,750.86.

To take care of the deficit in the financing of the Temple, \$40,000.00 worth of 6 per cent, coupon bonds were issued, dated December 1, 1919, to run for a period of ten years. These Mortgage Bonds were due on December 1, 1929, and were paid in full and cancelled on the records. Charlotte's Masonic Temple is entirely free from encumbrance.

The cornerstone was laid on Wednesday, March 4, 1914, with appropriate exercises under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, with the following Grand Officers:

John T. Alderman, G.M.; W. G. Rogers, as R.G.M.; A. B. Andrews, Jr., S.G.W.; J. L. DeLaney, as J.G.W.; O. B. Robinson, as Grand Treasurer; John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

And the acting appointed officers, as follows:

E. A. Osborn, as G.C.; R. M. Pound, G.L.; B. W. Barnette, as S.G.D.; L. B. Yandle, as J.G.D.; J. O. Walker, as G.M.; C. P. Edwards, as G. Sword

Bearer; T. M. Constable, as Grand Pursuivant; R. J. Sifford, as G. S.; J. B. Carpenter, as G.S.; Robert H. Bradley, Grand Tiler.

Judge William F. Harding made the historical address, and the orator of the day, Francis D. Winston, P.G.M., was introduced by Walter S. Liddell, P.G.M.

The Masonic Temple Association, under whose guiding hands the Temple was erected, at the time of the laying of the cornerstone, was composed of M. C. Mayer, President; Jno. M. Scott, First Vice-President; J. F. Robertson, Second Vice-President; J. H. Van Ness, Treasurer; Wm. Anderson, Secretary; F. M. Winchester, W. S. Liddell, W. F. Harding, Thos. W. Alexander, Jas. O. Walker, and the Worshipful Masters ex-officio of Phalanx, Excelsior, and Joppa Lodges.

A public reception was held on the 26th of April, 1915, and the citizens of Charlotte were extended an invitation to visit and inspect the new home of the Masonic Bodies.

On March 4, 1937 at 12:15 A.M., fire of unknown origina was discovered in our Temple, and in spite of heroic efforts on the part of our Fire Department, by daybreak, what was considered to be one of the loveliest Masonic Temples in the country, was entirely gutted, and there remained only the four walls and a mass of burned debris and twisted steel beams and girders.

Immediate plans were begun toward the rebuilding of the Temple and after several meetings of the Association, Brother Willard G. Rogers was selected as Architect and Brothers Henry B. Benoit and John M. Scott were appointed as the Building Committee.

At the request of the Association Committees from the Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite Bodies and York Rite Bodies were appointed to co-operate with the Building Committee in an advisory capacity in order that the Temple might be re-built in such a manner as to make our work more efficient.

Plans were finally perfected and after submitting same to local contractors for bids, contracts were awarded to J. J. McDevitt & Co. (general), Otis Elevator Co. (elevator), Irvin Walker (plumbing), W. T. Branson (heating) and Woodside Electric Co. (wiring and fixtures).

Work on rebuilding the Temple was begun on or about February 18, 1938, and after many days of arduous labor on the part of the construction forces—and many conferences of committees—we are this night celebrating in a joyous way the re-dedicating of our Temple to the work of Masonry in our Community.

Note: Meetings of all the Masonic Bodies were held in the Piedmont Building, 4th Floor, during the rebuilding of the Temple.





HERBERT C. ALEXANDER  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Lodge of North Carolina

## To All Master Masons

In coming to the dedication of our rebuilt Temple, I can imagine the feeling of the Ancient Jews at the completion of the building of King Solomon's Temple.

I also have the feeling that it would be profitable for us, as Masons, to turn the searchlight of rectitude upon our individual lives and actions. Jeremiah (17:9) tells us "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked," and as I examine my own misdeeds, my constant desire and prayer is that I might use the gavel with more effectiveness in divesting my own character of all its dispicableness and sin, thereby making of myself a more desirable man and Mason.

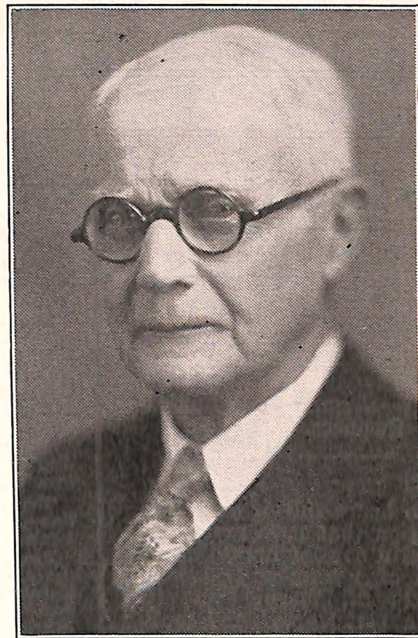
I wonder if in our hearts we are as thankful as the Ancient Hebrews were at the completion of the building of King Solomon's Temple. I think we should be, don't you?

I am wondering too if we, as Masons, might not, with equal humbleness and zeal, refresh our minds of our Trowel lecture, remembering that as our Temple stands before us today, perfect in its appointments, that the master workmen employed thereon have wrought in vain unless we who compose the component parts of this great and influential Fraternity do not vie with each other to see who can best emulate those Masonic Virtues enumerated so clearly in this Trowel lecture.

What a wonderful thing it would be for us individually, as well as collectively, if we would practice that one virtue. How much better we would feel individually if we would strive to spread that cement of brotherly love, that would make of us desirable persons to associate with. What a great Fraternity this would be if we all would practice that virtue in spreading the cement among all Masons everywhere, as well as among all men with whom we come in contact.

Heartiest congratulations to all who had a part in our rebuilding, and best wishes to all the other Masons of the 27th District.

H. C. ALEXANDER,  
*Past Grand Master - Grand Treasurer.*



WALTER SCOTT LIDDELL  
Senior Living P. G. M.  
Grand Lodge of North Carolina

## Greetings from "Daddy Liddell"

I wish to congratulate the members of the three Lodges in again being able to meet in their own beautiful Lodge Room after having wandered in the wilderness of uncertainty for a period of almost two years.

I congratulate the Lodges in having among its members leaders whose intelligence, cooperation and patience have been of so much help. I may not be able to meet with you at this your first meeting in the New Temple, but if not, will be so in spirit, and as for that, my spirit represented by my signature on the charter of Joppa Lodge will be with you and those who come after you so long as Joppa Lodge No. 530 holds a Charter.

Fraternally and Sincerely yours,

W. S. LIDDELL,  
*Past Grand Master.*

## THE MASONIC TEMPLE Charlotte, N. C.

The first floor is devoted to ladies' rest room, men's lounge and reception room, offices, the banquet hall and kitchen. The Blue Lodges and the Eastern Star occupy the second floor. The third floor is devoted entirely to the Scottish Rite Bodies. The fourth floor is devoted to the York Rite Bodies and later the Eastern Star and White Shrine will also occupy the fourth floor.



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## Excelsior Lodge No. 261

Regular Communications First and Third Mondays of Each Month at 8 o'clock.

October 3—Regular communication, 8 P. M. Business and Entered Apprentice Degree.

October 17—Regular communication, 8 P. M. Business.

### BRETHREN:

It is with a heart full of gratitude and appreciation that it is my privilege to extend a cordial invitation to the members of Excelsior Lodge in particular and to all Masonic bodies in general, to return "home" and meet with us again in our beautiful rebuilt Masonic Temple, and I am indeed happy and delighted to have this opportunity to tell the members of the Masonic Temple Association, and especially Brothers John M. Scott, president, and Henry Benoit, treasurer, and Chairman of the Building Committee, that we deeply appreciate the untiring efforts and work they have devoted to the rebuilding of the Temple, and my sincere appreciation goes out to the Masters of our Sister lodges for the wonderful spirit of co-operation shown during my term as Master, and if for no other reason, this year of 1938, in addition to being remembered for the rebuilding of the Temple, will go down in the Masonic history of Charlotte as a year in which the Masters of the three Blue lodges have worked together in perfect harmony, sympathy and accord, all for the good of Masonry.

It is now up to us—the Masons of Charlotte—since we have a temporal home, to consider ourselves as builders, not of a material edifice, but of a Temple more glorious than that of Solomon—a temple of honor, of justice, of purity, of knowledge and of truth, thereby making preparations for the uprearing of that spiritual Temple wherein the soul will find rest forever and evermore, then indeed will the attentive ear receive the sound from instructive tongue and the mysteries of Freemasonry be safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts, and we can truthfully all say together:

*Behold! how pleasant and how good,  
For brethren such as we,  
Of the "Accepted" brotherhood,  
To dwell in unity!*

*On Friendship's altar rising here,  
Our hands now plighted be,  
To live in love with heart sincere,  
In peace and unity.*

HOWARD C. HULL, Master  
Excelsior Lodge No. 261.

## A Short History Of Phalanx Lodge

The great conflicts of our Nation are reflected in the history and labor of Phalanx Lodge; and among the records in the archives of the lodge are to be found many references to men who acted well their part in the most stirring times of our country's history.

The Master of Phalanx Lodge, in 1848, died while serving his country in the Mexican War.

The great War Governor of North Carolina—Zebulon B. Vance—was an initiate of Phalanx Lodge.

Bro. John A. Perry, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, of Pennsylvania, furnished us the following extract from a publication entitled "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania."

LODGE NO. 20, A. Y. M., GRANTED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LINE.

The Third Regimental Warrant issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was granted to the North Carolina contingent in the Continental Army. This Lodge was No. 20, on the Roster. Owing to the loss of all Minutes of the Grand Lodge prior to July 29, 1779, it is impossible to give the particulars under which it was granted, the names of the petitioners, or the date of the Warrant, which, however, if not May 18, 1779, must have been on or prior to October 4, 1779.

It is not improbable that the Warrant, papers, and paraphernalia of Lodge No. 20 fell into the hands of the enemy, at the capitulation of Charleston, May 12, 1780, meeting the same fate as those of the brethren of the Delaware Regimental Lodge No. 30, at the Battle of Camden, August 16, 1780, there being a report to that effect.

### PETITION FOR A LODGE IN CHARLOTTE TO BE STYLED PHALANX LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens of the State of North Carolina:

The petition of the subscribers, being Ancient York Masons within the district of Salisbury and Morganton, and being at present unorganized, and anxious to be reduced to that order which is productive of the benevolent purposes of the Masonic Institution, humbly sheweth to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State aforesaid that, willing to become subject to this masonic subordination, prayeth said Grand Lodge to grant your petitioners a Charter to work as Masons in a Lodge, to meet in the town of Charlotte, under the name of Phalanx Lodge, No. 31.

The first officers of Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, in the year 1797, were: Col. William Polk, Worshipful Master; Maj.-Gen. Robert Smith, Senior Warden; Gen. Joseph Dickson, Junior Warden.

Brethren, it behooves us to hold sacred the heritage with which we are endowed. Through these many years we have survived many trials and tribulations. The cycle of time has brought prosperity and distress. Renewed interest is now being manifested and it is obvious that we are entering the cycle of prosperity. Our success depends on your activity in the interest of the institution. You have been presented working tools and instructed in the liberal arts and science. Are you satisfied that you have made the best use of them?

FRANK S. WORTHINGTON,  
Worshipful Master.

## Joppa Lodge No. 530

Regular Communication First Friday Night of Each Month.  
at 8 o'clock

Oct. 7—Regular business meeting. At this meeting the resolution to change Article II, Sec. 7 of the by-laws will come up for disposition.

Oct. 14—Fellowcraft degree.

Oct. 28—Master Mason degree.

In the building of King Solomon's Temple there was employed 153,303 Masons and "these were all so classed and arranged—that neither envy, discord, nor confusion was suffered to interrupt or disturb the peace and good-fellowship which prevailed among the workmen at that important period."

What a wonderful structure was erected by the united efforts of these Masons—history records their accomplishment as something never before nor since equalled. They had their opportunity and took full advantage of it.

Peace and good-fellowship was the key-stone of success of the Masons of that period—peace and good-fellowship is the key-stone of success of Masons today and as we reoccupy our rebuilt Temple may the God of peace and good-fellowship dwell within the heart of every Mason in Charlotte so that nothing will interrupt or disturb the progress of Masonry within our gates.

Within our Temple there is housed three Blue Lodges—with the Master, Overseers of the work, Fellowcrafts and Entered Apprentices. There were three Grand Masters employed in the building of King Solomon's Temple, they had one common objective as did every other Mason employed in that stupendous undertaking. Their objective was erecting, with the working tools of operative Masons, a perfect building—a physical Temple.

We, too, have a common objective, and by employing the working tools of speculative Masons can erect a building more beautiful than King Solomon's Temple—not a physical building to be sure—but a spiritual building, a building not made with hands. And, as we rededicate our Temple may we, as Masons, rededicate ourselves to those lofty ideals and noble principles of Masonry and let no motive cause us to swerve from our duty, violate our vows or betray our trust.

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